हैंडलिंग समस्याओं, खराब मौसम, हवाई अड्डे प्रतिबन्धों, औद्योगिक हड़ताल और अन्य कारणों से 5592 उड़ानें रद्द की गई थीं।

(ख) जब कभी उड़ानें रद्द होती हैं तो प्रभावित यात्रियों को वैकल्पिक उड़ानों से भेजा जाता है अथवा उन्हें यातायात के अन्य साधनों, उड़ानों के संयोजन/मार्ग-परिवर्तन और अन्य एयरलाइनों द्वारा प्रचालित उड़ानों पर स्थानांतरित करके ऐसे यात्रियों की मदद की जाती है।

(ग) उड़ानों को रद्द तभी किया जाता है जब ऐसा करना अनिवार्य हो जाता है। जहां तक संभव होता है, ऐसी स्थिति से निपटने के लिए वैकल्पिक विमानों की व्यवस्था की जाती है।

Withdrawal of tourism development aid by Japan

1165. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Observer of Business and Politics, Bombay of I2tto October, 1992 captioned 'Japan osftjr withdraw tourism development aid';

(b) if no, what art the details in this regard;

(c) what is the amount of loan agreed to by Japan for the development of the tourist infrastructure at each of the four Budhist sites;

(d) what is the amount of loan utilised at each site so far;

(e) what are the reasons for not fully utilising the loan at each site; and

(f) what is the present position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Government have not received any indications from the Government of Japan that they may withdraw tourism development a*.

(c) As per the Loan Agreement, out of a total project cost of Rs. 220.43 crores approximately Rs. 100.00 crores would be made available by the Government of Japan for development of tourist infras tructure in the identified Buddhist Circuit in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar which includes Rajgir, Nalanda, Vaishali and Bodhgaya.

(d) to (f) As per the procedure of the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan, the concerned implementing agencies have to first incur expenditure on specified works out of their own resources and then claim reimbursement for the same. Reimbursement claims of the implementing agencies in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar to the tune of Rs. 14.00 crores have been released by the Government of Japan so far and further reimbursement claims of Rs. 12.4 crores are under consi deration. The progress of the work has been slow because of budgetary constraints of the State Governments and delay in the preparation and finalisation of the techni cal details and designs of each sub-pro ject. Progress, however, has improved recently.

Pending demands of Indian Commercial Pilots Association.

1166. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what are the demands of the Indian Commercial Pilots Association which are stilll pending with Government for consideration; and

(b) by when Government propose toi finalise them ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) No demand of the Indian Commercial Pilots' Association is pending with Government. The demands of Indian Commercial Pilots Association raised with the Management are mainly of two types, namely, those relating to flight safety and financial demands. While all issues re-lating to safety of operations have been referred to Director General of Civil Avi-